

Boston, October 25, 1854.

Dear Mr. Webb -

Will you do the Bazaar the service of posting the enclosed note for Mr. Howorth, Bury, without delay? It apprizes him of an error in Miss Weston's name as it stands in a bill of exchange which he sent to her, - & of which error it is necessary that he should notify the proper parties in Bury & in London ere the Bill can be paid. The Bill will probably go out in the same steamer which takes this, - sailing to-day. - I believe Bury is in Lancashire; but did not so address the note, as I was not quite sure. If I have not sufficiently addressed it, please do the needful. -

Please enter, as ~~regular~~ regular subscribers to the "Advocate" - the following names, and send them their papers in ^{distinct} separate wrappers -

Rev. Samuel J. May, Syracuse, N. Y. }

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I had fully expected to write you at some length by this steamer; but alas, what with work in town, and out of town, I have seen each successive time, fixed upon for my

letter to you, slip away, consume
the affairs of the moment, and which I
could not postpone. So I have risen
earlier this morning, to get a quiet hour
before breakfast to say a few words. -
Immediately after breakfast, I must be at
my desk at the Antislavery office, where
every hour is mortgaged until night.

- Mr. Garrison's absence (in Pennsylvania)
gives additional care & work to those who
remain behind; - besides which, Mrs.
Abby K. Foster is in town, for the purpose
of getting duly enveloped and addressed
a large quantity of Circular letters, to
all parts of the Northern States, calling
upon our friends & well-wishers everywhere
to contribute to the treasury of the American
A. S. Society, for the purpose of enabling
the Society to publish a series of about
twenty brief and popular tracts, for
gratuitous distribution. This is a work
which the Committee has recently, and
very gladly undertaken, at Mrs. F.'s
solicitation, she pledging that the money
shall be raised for doing it. The tracts
are to be stereotyped - the list of subjects,
which you will doubtless see published ^{soon}, is an
excellent one, and if we can secure the

winning of them by the persons selected,
we shall do well. About a thousand
Circular letters were folded, enveloped, sealed,
addressed & mailed yesterday. To-day, "we
resume our labours," as Dickens's Dr.,
(the Master of the School) daily said to his
pupils.

Day before ^{yesterday} ~~letter~~ I had a very welcome
letter from Pillsbury, dated at Belfast. It was
evidently written in much haste, as the Neill
family - with whom he was, - were several
of them on the point of leaving for America,
(they have arrived, I understand) - But he
gave me a great deal of information of his
own doings & movements, and of the
state of things in the places where he had
been. I am sorry that his health & strength
are not entirely adequate to the work which
he is so well fitted to do in your country, and
which I know he would most gladly do. -
He appears to feel quite apprehensive of
unfavourable results from the projected
union of the true Antislavery forces of
Great Britain with those of New Broad
Street, London. I appreciate his views
of that subject, and I share his fears ~~for~~

as to the result of such an experiment.
The idea of obtaining strength from an
alliance with those who have been seeking
our ruin, — and in every mean and
covert way too — for fifteen years, is to
me simply preposterous. What does
this Broad Street movement mean, followed
up so indefatigably? — in correspondence
almost interminable, — in visits to Paris —
etc. etc.? You know the ~~old~~ ^{old} saying of
one of the heroes of poor, devoted Troy —
"Times Dandros, et Sona ferentes" —
— I fear these Greeks, and especially when
they come with compliments in their mouths
and unwonted smiles upon their faces.
— The Abolitionists of Great Britain, of
the more free and genuine stamp, have
been assiduously labouring for a dozen
years and more, to find a place to
stand upon, and get their cause
recognized by the people. At length it
is, in a measure, done. The prospect
for the future brightens. Helping hands,
and encouraging words appear in unex-
pected quarters. A most encouraging Conference
is held, wholly independent of Broad Street
patronage or dictation; — and the Broad
gentlemen, and even their very friendly
and courteous Secretary, feel offended,
displeased

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Even somewhat indignant, at the liberty
 taken to hold any such meeting at all, —
 when every body knew that Broad St. was
 intending to hold one in another place — 200
 miles off & more — some three months later!
 But the Conf^{ce}. was held, and was in every
 respect successful. It proved that British
 Antislavery had a place to stand upon, and
 abundant material to work with, ~~wholly~~
 without being at all indebted to the B. & F.
 Antislavery Society, or to any of its machinery
 and appliances. — At this juncture,
 Broad St. comes forward, & renews its
 solicitude for a union of forces! Had it
 done so, when our friends were ~~was~~ struggling
 against their hostility and tyranny for
 dear life, — or even when W. W. Brown and
 other friends of ours appeared in England after
 the strife had somewhat abated, — it would
 have been quite another thing. But, at
present, and with such restrictions and
 limitations as are evidently to be laid upon
 our friends if they listen to the peace propo-
 sitions — I am totally distrustful. — Peace,
 on proper conditions, — without gaps and
 without servitude of any kind, — I go for,

with all my heart & soul; but a
peace, which is only another name
for submission, and a surrender of
rights we have dearly won, has no
charm for me.

Thankfully
would I have our friends be fully
represented at every ^{anti-slavery} meeting in the
land, - those called by the B. & F.
quite as much as others; but I would
have them there as equal members,
not to go, year after year, and sit
idle & silent spectators, & listeners to
the views & plans of others, - not to be
obliged to see a movement they respect
and love, and which they believe the
true, the genuine movement, founded
upon the everlasting laws of righteousness,
and identified with the Gospel itself in
its spirit and purposes, wholly ignored,
virtually insulted, and its representatives
not allowed to be heard. - No! indeed.
Any results won, by such concessions,
would be not only valueless - they would
prove very soon to be most injurious.
- I devoutly trust, therefore, that our
friends will not be deceived. Let
them maintain their independence, their

perfect anti-slavery liberty, their
untrammelled right & power to act &
speak, of themselves and for themselves,
whenever they deem it just & proper to do
so. I believe the exclusive Broad St.
power has been waning for the past
five years, or more; and that nobody
understood this better than themselves,
and that that was the reason for Mr.
Scoble's departure. A totally different
policy is now pursued, with the purpose
of regaining the influence they have lost,
and with the hope of obtaining the control
of the newly-awakened Anti-slavery
feeling which the long labours of the
faithful Abolitionists, and Mr. Stowe's
book, have been instrumental in producing.
Is it for us, & our friends, to say - Yes,
gentlemen, you have always managed
the A.S. cause in Gt. Britain, and we
know you have managed it very miserably
of late. Come, now, & take the management
of us, and of all our concerns.
Again, I say - No. I do hope our friends
will not be hasty, and that they will

meet with the Broad Street gentlemen
only on the most equal terms, and
even then in the most cautious
manner. And above all that they
will merge nothing of their own in
the Ad Broad St. Society

These thoughts are written as
rapidly as I could drive my pen, but
are the substance of what I have long
thought on this subject. I write them
for ~~private~~ reading only, of course. I
pray to be forgiven for undue warmth of
expression, & I hope none will suspect me
of any wish to intrude my counsel. I
write only in the name & service of our
common cause, to the most sincere and
devoted friends of it. I would like to
have Pillsbury see what I have written, &
will you please ^{give him my} thanks for his letter, and
say I will write to him very soon.

I believe I have never acknowledged
yours of Aug. 16. - rec^d. Sept. 8th (forwarded
by Rev. F. Bishop. - I will reply more in full
hereafter. - only saying now that ~~perhaps~~ we
have paid Mr. Cotterell's 2^d year for Liberator
but have not received from you the money for
the same. I sent you back the balance which
was due you, as per your account, not what
it would have been with Mr. C.'s \$3. deducted.

In haste, with sincere regards to Mr. W.
and to all Dublin friends, Affly Yours,
Samuel May